



Global Economic Change, International Conflict and Cooperation

We are in the midst of major structural change in the international system in both its political and economic dimensions. The security environment has shifted in only a few years from one of bipolar, nuclear rivalry to one of questioned global leadership, regional threats, ethnic conflicts and terrorism. At the same time, the global economy has integrated its financial and production systems to an unprecedented degree, challenging national economic sovereignty and creating demand for new regional and global institutions. The work proposed for the coming year is relevant to two Mershon research themes: The use of force and diplomacy in international relations, and the political economy of war and peace. Data already acquired for the project will permit the construction and testing of contending models of international cooperation, compliance, and conflict. New analytic techniques — some developed with contributions from the Principal Investigator — permit statistical testing of propositions while using simple, qualitative data. Thus, works produced by this project will make both substantive and methodological contributions.

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